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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Mr. David Waddell, Executive Secretary
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Re: *Petition of Sprint Communications Company L.P. for Arbitration with
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the
Telecommunications Act of 1996*
Docket No. 00-00691

Dear Mr. Waddell:

This is the response of BellSouth and Sprint to the Order entered by the Hearing Officer on June 20, 2001 granting the Motion to Reschedule and requesting that the parties file three proposed hearing dates by June 29, 2001.

The parties have also been requested to estimate the time it will take to conclude the arbitration hearing. Additionally, the parties have been asked whether or not they agree to move the performance measurement issues to the generic docket in Tennessee, Docket No. 01-00193.

First, the parties anticipate that the hearing will take a day and a half. This is based on experience in conducting the arbitration hearings in other states. Second, the parties propose that this one and one-half day hearing take place during the week of September 17, 2001. The hearings can be conducted either at the beginning, middle, or end of that week as far as the parties are concerned. The parties recognize that the Authority's schedule will have to be considered as well.

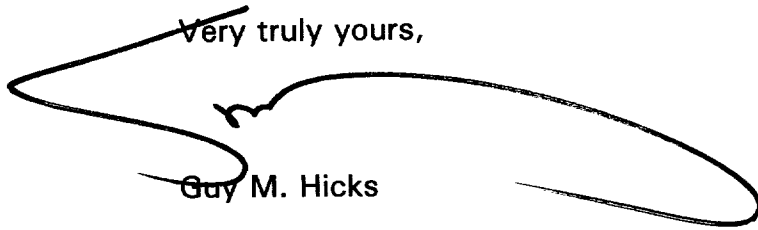
Finally, the parties agree to move the performance measurements issues (Issues 22-26) from the arbitration proceeding to the generic docket.

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Mr. Jim Wright, counsel for Sprint, has authorized me to submit this letter on his behalf.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Guy M. Hicks". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping loop on the left side and a smaller loop on the right side.

Guy M. Hicks

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cc: Jim Wright, Esquire